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IS IT OKAY FOR A KID TO BE HERE?

THERE'S NO LAW AGAINST MINORS PARTICIPATING IN RAIDS, AS LONG AS THEY'VE BEEN AWAKENED.

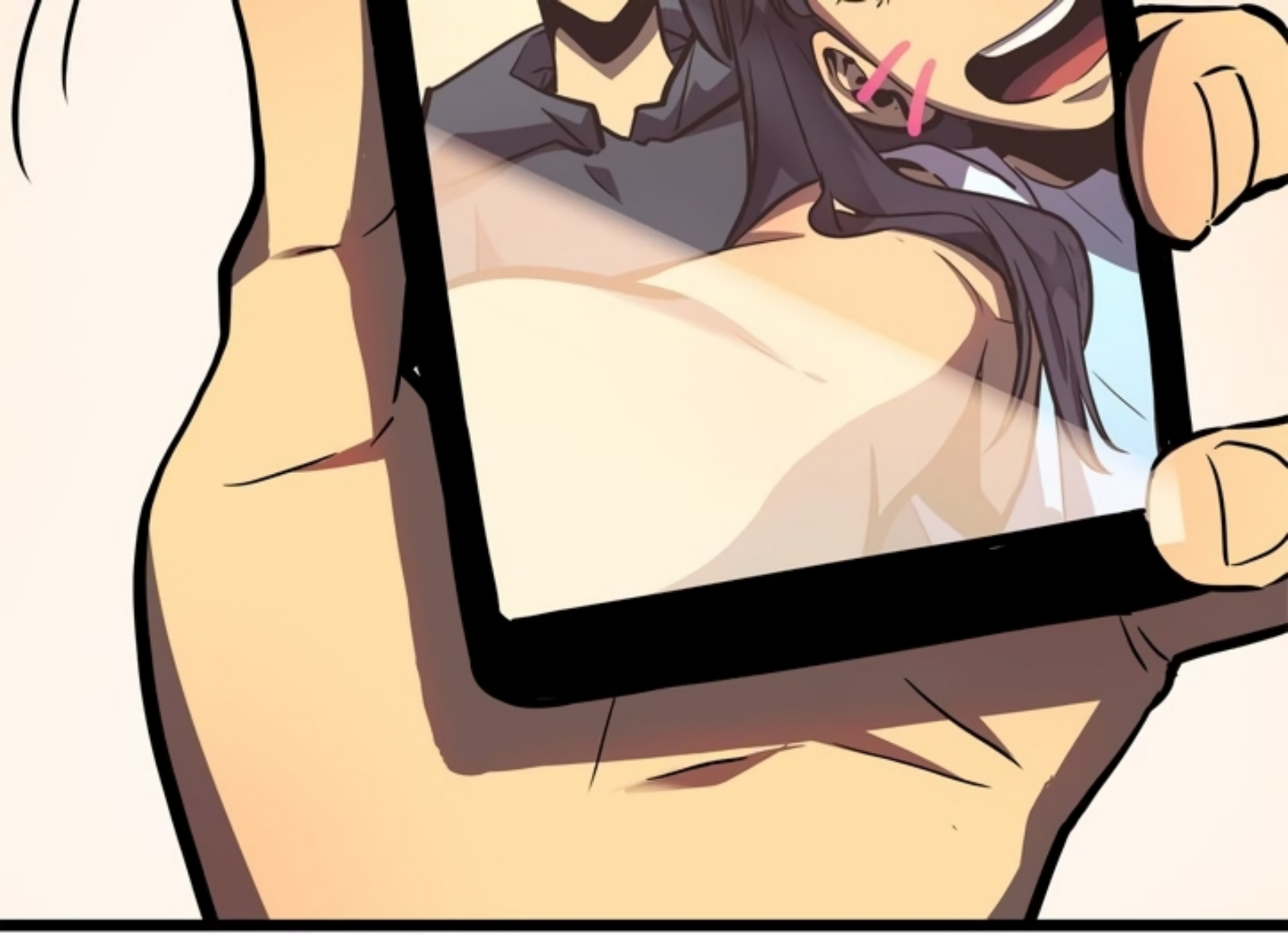
YOU'RE A HIGH SCHOOLER, RIGHT? DO YOU HAVE ANY RAIDING EXPERIENCE?

SO YOU'RE AN E-RANK.

WHAT'S GOING ON?

ARE YOU... THE HUNTER MY TEACHER WANTS ME TO TALK TO?

ARE YOU FRIENDS WITH THIS GIRL?



HUH? YEAH, THAT'S JINAH.
ARE YOU JINAH'S OLDER BROTHER?
I PAID YOU A VISIT ONCE WHEN YOU WERE HOSPITALIZED...
I DIDN'T GET TO SEE YOU, THOUGH.

I GUESS IT MAKES SENSE THAT YOU KNOW MY HOMEROOM TEACHER WELL, BEING JINAH'S BROTHER AND ALL.
WE'RE NOT THAT WELL ACQUAINTED.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT SHE TOLD YOU, BUT I'M NOT INTERESTED IN GOING TO SCHOOL ANYMORE.
AND I'M NOT GIVING UP ON BEING A HUNTER EITHER.

YOU SAID YOU'RE AN E-RANK, RIGHT?

REGULAR ATTACKS WON'T WORK AGAINST MAGIC BEASTS.
YOU MUST HAVE A WEAPON WITH MAGIC ABILITIES.
BUT EVEN IF YOU BUY A WEAPON, IT'LL GET WORN OUT, SO YOU'LL NEED TO KEEP BUYING A NEW ONE.
THAT'S WHY IT'S HARD TO MAKE A PROFIT AS AN E-RANK HUNTER.

ARE YOU PLANNING ON FIGHTING WITHOUT A WEAPON?
DON'T TELL ME YOU WANT TO BE A HUNTER JUST BECAUSE YOU GOT A TASTE OF MONEY WHILE WORKING FOR OUR STRIKE SQUAD.

IF YOU'RE HERE TO LECTURE ME, FORGET IT.
YOU'RE AN E-RANK JUST LIKE ME.

SHE SURE IS STUBBORN.
WELL, I GUESS I USED TO BE LIKE THAT, TOO.
DON'T WORRY. I WASN'T GOING TO CONVINCE YOU TO QUIT.

WHAT?
REALITY IS MUCH MORE CRUEL THAN YOU THINK. IT'S JUST HARD TO REALIZE THAT UNTIL YOU COME FACE-TO-FACE WITH THE TRUTH.
TH, THEN WHY ARE YOU HERE?

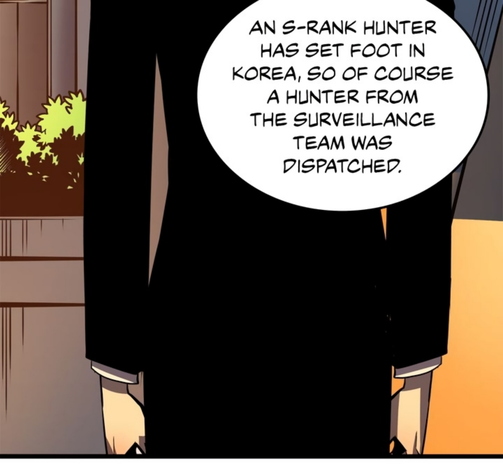
TO HELP YOU BECOME AN EXCELLENT HUNTER.

THE AIR IS DIFFERENT HERE.

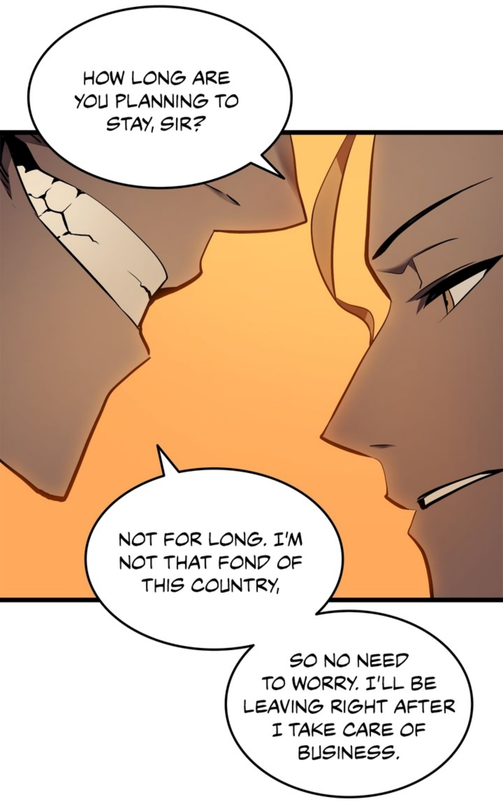
I DIDN'T EXPECT TO COME TO SOUTH KOREA SO SOON.
WELCOME, SIR.

OOH! LOOK WHO IT IS.
GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN...

...WOO JINCHUL. WHAT BRINGS AN AGENT FROM THE HUNTER'S ASSOCIATION HERE?


AN S-RANK HUNTER HAS SET FOOT IN KOREA, SO OF COURSE A HUNTER FROM THE SURVEILLANCE TEAM WAS DISPATCHED.

THE SURVEILLANCE TEAM? ARE YOU STILL CHAIRMAN GO GUNHEE'S RIGHT-HAND MAN?
IF I WERE IN YOUR SHOES,
I'D MAKE SURE THAT THE OLD GEEZER CAN'T DO ANYTHING WITHOUT HIS TRUSTED SUBORDINATES, AND THEN TAKE EVERYTHING OVER MYSELF.


HOW LONG ARE YOU PLANNING TO STAY, SIR?
NOT FOR LONG. I'M NOT THAT FOND OF THIS COUNTRY,
SO NO NEED TO WORRY. I'LL BE LEAVING RIGHT AFTER I TAKE CARE OF BUSINESS.

YOU BETRAYED YOUR HOMELAND AND MOVED TO THE STATES, SO THE FACT THAT YOU'VE RETURNED TO KOREA MUST MEAN YOU'RE HERE TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT...
...E-RANK HUNTER SUNG JINWOO, AND D-RANK HUNTER YOO JINHO, CORRECT?
YOU'RE A SURVEILLANCE AGENT ALL RIGHT.
IF YOU ALREADY KNOW WHY I'M HERE, WHY'D YOU ASK?
ARE YOU GOING TO TRY AND STOP ME?
YOU?

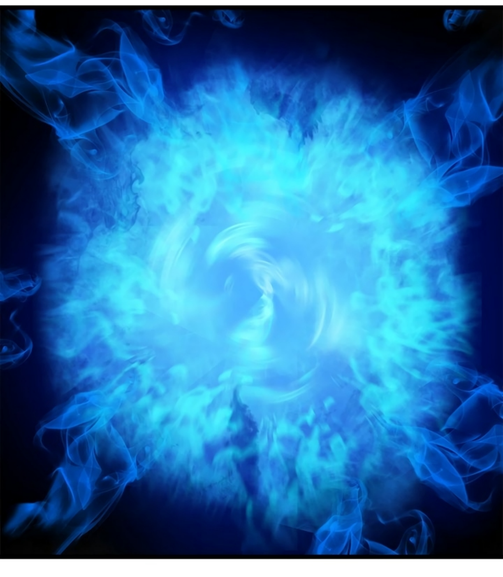
STOP ME?
I'M JUST DOING MY JOB, SIR.

THE AIRPORT FEELS KIND OF SUFFOCATING FOR SOME REASON.
YEAH, IT FEELS STUFFY IN HERE.

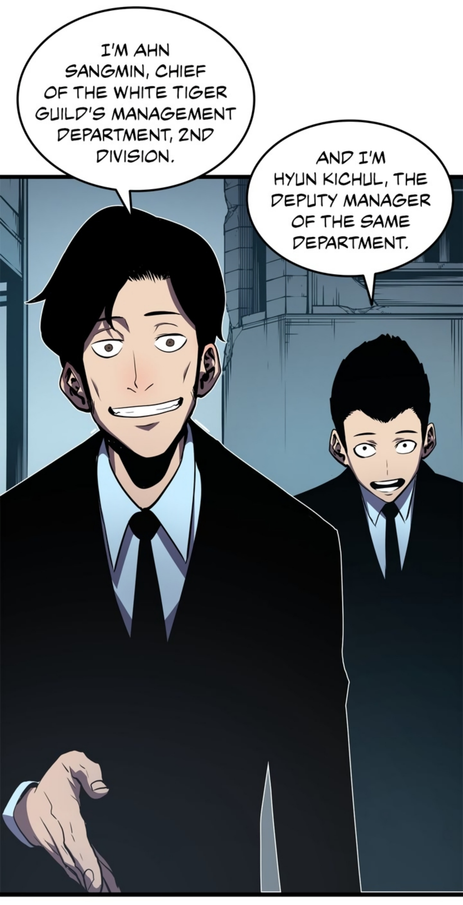
I'VE ALWAYS LIKED YOU.
HOW ABOUT JOINING THE SCAVENGER GUILD? WE'LL GIVE YOU A GREAT DEAL MORE THAN WHATEVER THAT OLD MAN IS PAYING YOU.
S-RANK HUNTER, HWANG DONGSOO.
...THE ASSOCIATION SUSPECTED HIS OLDER BROTHER, HWANG DONGSUK, OF MURDERING COUNTLESS HUNTERS INSIDE THE DUNGEONS, LIKE A LIZARD CUTTING OFF HIS OWN TAIL.
BUT WE WEREN'T ABLE TO CONDUCT A PROPER INVESTIGATION BECAUSE HE WAS HWANG DONGSOO'S OLDER BROTHER.
I GUESS THE TWO ARE RELATED AFTER ALL.
NEITHER HAVE SHOWN GUILT FOR COMMITTING

HEINOUS ACTS OF MURDER.

SCUMBAGS.



YES, IT'S BEEN A WHILE, MR. AHN.

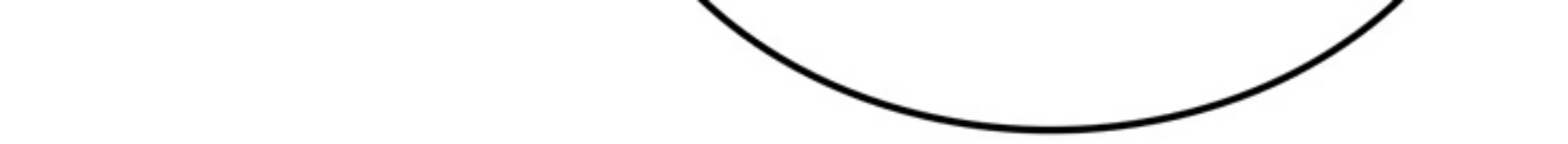

I'M AHN SANGMIN, CHIEF OF THE WHITE TIGER GUILD'S MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT, 2ND DIVISION.
AND I'M HYUN KICHUL, THE DEPUTY MANAGER OF THE SAME DEPARTMENT.

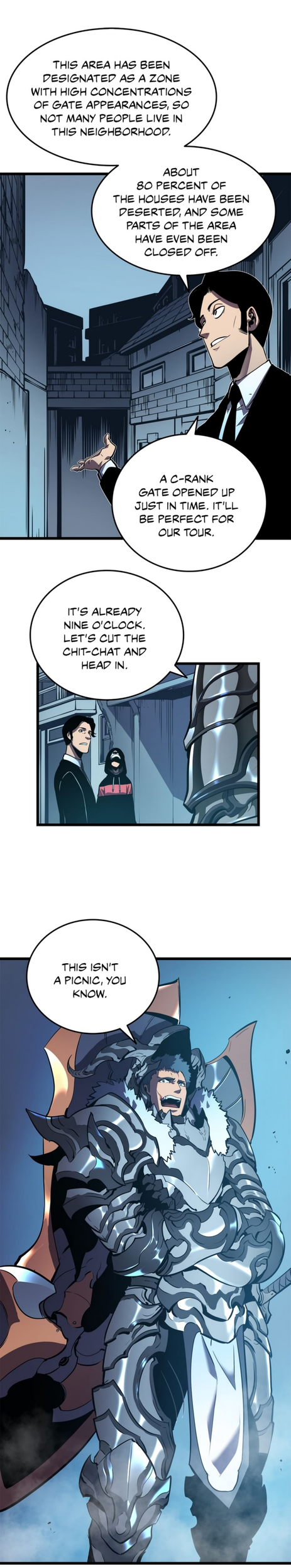
YOU'RE THAT STUDENT FROM THE OTHER DAY!

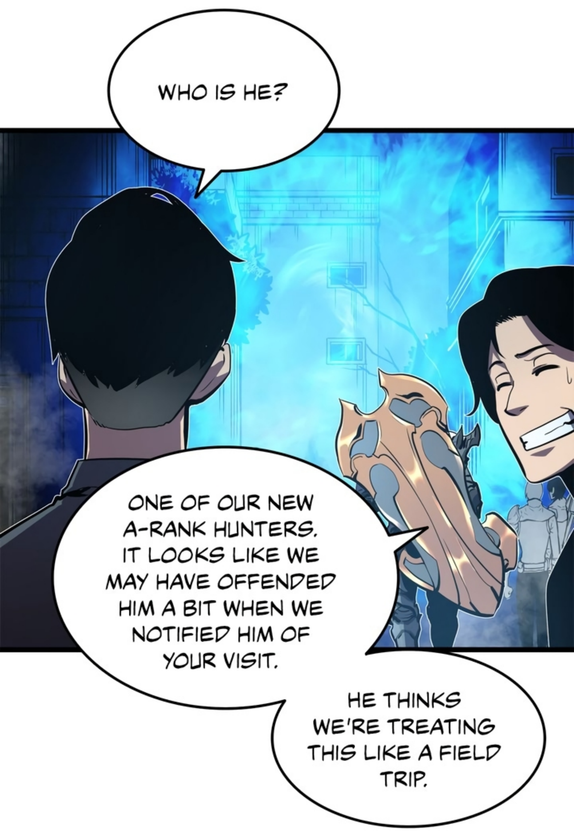
BOW
HELLO.

AN E-RANK, HUH...? I'M NOT EXPECTING MUCH.
BUT WAIT, SUNG JINWOO IS AN E-RANK AS WELL. I SHOULDN'T JUMP TO CONCLUSIONS.

I WAS SURPRISED TO GET A CALL FROM YOU AT THIS HOUR, REQUESTING TO MAKE A VISIT TO OUR TRAINING GROUNDS FOR NEW HUNTERS.
THIS MUST MEAN HE'S INTERESTED IN THE WHITE TIGER GUILD.
OF COURSE WE HAD TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS, SINCE THE PERSON MAKING THE REQUEST WAS NONE OTHER THAN YOU, MR. SUNG.
HE WANTS TO SEE HOW WE TRAIN NEW RECRUITS. THIS IS GREAT.
WE'LL MAKE A GOOD IMPRESSION BY SHOWING HIM JUST HOW EXCEPTIONAL THE WHITE TIGER GUILD'S TRAINING SYSTEM IS...
I'VE ALREADY TOLD ALL THE OTHER HUNTERS ABOUT YOUR VISIT, SO THERE'S NO NEED TO WORRY.

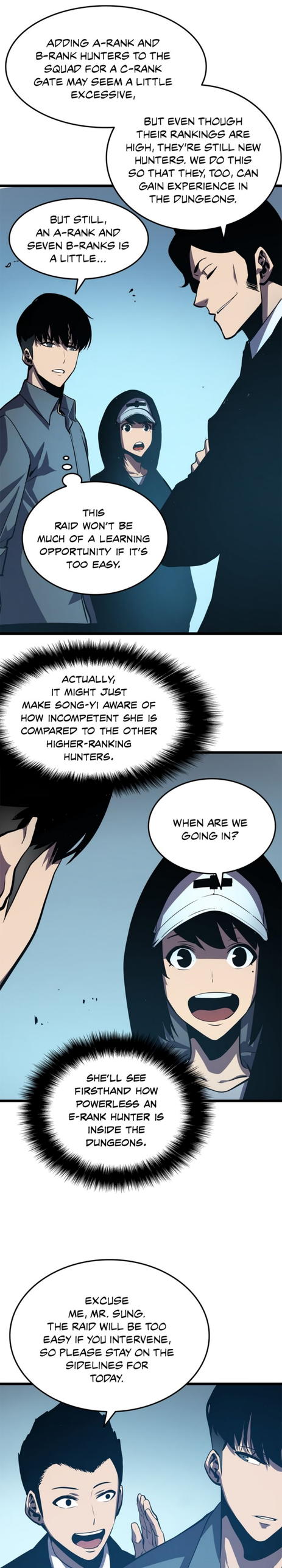



THIS AREA HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS A ZONE WITH HIGH CONCENTRATIONS OF GATE APPEARANCES, SO NOT MANY PEOPLE LIVE IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD.
ABOUT 80 PERCENT OF THE HOUSES HAVE BEEN DESERTED, AND SOME PARTS OF THE AREA HAVE EVEN BEEN CLOSED OFF.
A C-RANK GATE OPENED UP JUST IN TIME. IT'LL BE PERFECT FOR OUR TOUR.
IT'S ALREADY NINE O'CLOCK. LET'S CUT THE CHIT-CHAT AND HEAD IN.
THIS ISN'T A PICNIC, YOU KNOW.


WHO IS HE?
ONE OF OUR NEW A-RANK HUNTERS. IT LOOKS LIKE WE MAY HAVE OFFENDED HIM A BIT WHEN WE NOTIFIED HIM OF YOUR VISIT.
HE THINKS WE'RE TREATING THIS LIKE A FIELD TRIP.

AN A-RANK?
YES, HIS NAME IS KIM CHUL, AND AS YOU CAN SEE, HE'S A TANK.

TODAY'S STRIKE SQUAD IS MADE UP OF ONE A-RANK, SEVEN B-RANKS, AND FOUR C-RANKS...
...WHICH MAKES FOR A TOTAL OF 12 MEMBERS.


ADDING A-RANK AND B-RANK HUNTERS TO THE SQUAD FOR A C-RANK GATE MAY SEEM A LITTLE EXCESSIVE,
BUT EVEN THOUGH THEIR RANKINGS ARE HIGH, THEY'RE STILL NEW HUNTERS. WE DO THIS SO THAT THEY, TOO, CAN GAIN EXPERIENCE IN THE DUNGEONS.
BUT STILL, AN A-RANK AND SEVEN B-RANKS IS A LITTLE...
THIS RAID WON'T BE MUCH OF A LEARNING OPPORTUNITY IF IT'S TOO EASY.
ACTUALLY, IT MIGHT JUST MAKE SONG-YI AWARE OF HOW INCOMPETENT SHE IS COMPARED TO THE OTHER HIGHER-RANKING HUNTERS.
WHEN ARE WE GOING IN?
SHE'LL SEE FIRSTHAND HOW POWERLESS AN E-RANK HUNTER IS INSIDE THE DUNGEONS.
EXCUSE ME, MR. SUNG. THE RAID WILL BE TOO EASY IF YOU INTERVENE, SO PLEASE STAY ON THE SIDELINES FOR TODAY.

MISTER, YOU COMING OR NOT?
AFTER YOU.

GULP

SHWWP

?!

WHAT IS THIS FEELING?

UH, CHIEF.
THE GATE IS...

COULD IT BE...?

THE GATE IS MOVING WILDLY, LIKE WAVES IN A STORM.

ZZZT

SOMETHING'S DIFFERENT.

ZZZT

ENTERING A GATE USUALLY DOESN'T FEEL LIKE THIS!

ZZZT

WHAT IS THIS UNEASINESS I'M FEELING?!

I SENSE DANGER! WE HAVE TO GET OUT OF HERE QUICKLY...!

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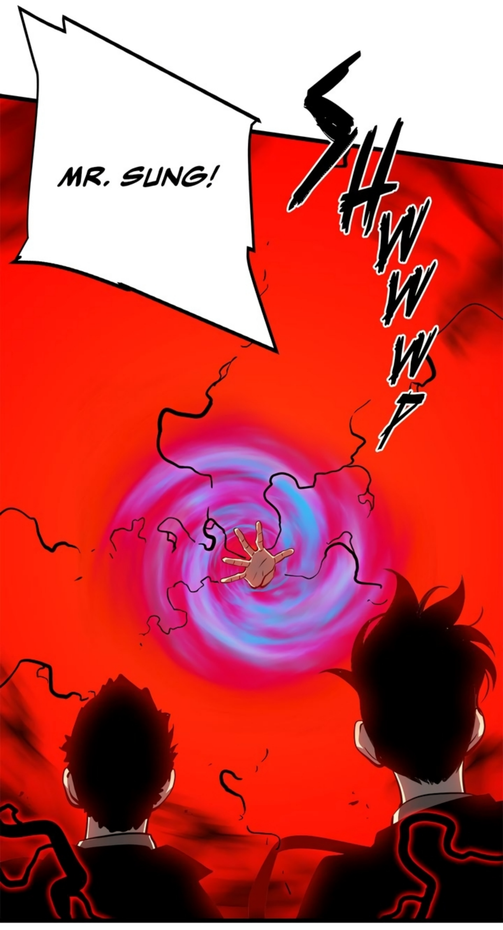
MR. AHN! CONTACT THE MAIN STRIKE SQUAD RIGHT NOW!!



CHIEF! WHAT SHOULD WE DO...?!

MR. SUNG GOT SUCKED INTO THE GATE AS WELL!

CALLING THE MAIN STRIKE SQUAD WON'T DO!

I'M GONNA CALL THE MASTER HIMSELF!

A "RED GATE"?

HOW COULD A RED GATE COME OUT OF A C-RANK GATE?
MARVEL
SOLO LEVELING
SOLO LEVELING
FAUSTI
BOOKS

IF WHAT YOU'RE SAYING IS TRUE, THEN THAT MEANS...

...I'LL HAVE TO GO TAKE A LOOK MYSELF.

MASTER OF THE
WHITE TIGER GUILD.
S-RANK HUNTER,
BAEK YOONHO.

To Be Continued...

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